

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 899
By Rowland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Maureen Hicks upon
her selection as Rutherford County Schools'
Middle School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the
highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Hicks is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished
herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Hicks, an eighth-grade language arts teacher at Rock Springs
Middle School, has recently been selected Rutherford County Schools' Middle School Teacher
of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the
positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Cathedral High School in 1966, Maureen Hicks earned her
bachelor's degree from George Peabody College of Vanderbilt University in 1971, and she
received her master's degree from Cumberland University in 2001; and

WHEREAS, before beginning her estimable tenure at Rock Springs Middle School, Mrs.
Hicks was a teacher at Springfield High School for two years, Christ the King Elementary School
in Nashville for sixteen years, and Rock Springs Elementary School for two years; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Hicks is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who
works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as
citizens; and

WHEREAS, Maureen Hicks truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students
alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her;
and

WHEREAS, she has received the highest professional praise from Rock Springs Middle School's principal, who said of Mrs. Hicks, "She is truly an exemplary teacher;" and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Maureen Hicks is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Morris; their marriage has been blessed with two daughters, Melanie Chadwick and Monica Norman, and one son, the late Scott Hicks; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hicks truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Maureen Hicks of Rock Springs Middle School upon being chosen as Rutherford County Schools' Middle School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.